

# ALL ITALY STUNNED BY EXTENT OF CALAMITY

Enormity of the Catastrophe Grows as Reports Come from the Devastated Provinces.

## HORROR FILES UPON HORROR.

Hundreds of Injured Imprisoned in Debris and Pestilence Now Confronts the People.

One hundred and fifty thousand persons of a population of 1,750,000 in the Italian departments of Calabria and Sicily devastated by the earthquake—some in every twelve inhabitants—are dead in the most disastrous catastrophe of modern times. In which Reggio, a city of 50,000, vanished from the face of the earth, leaving but five mad survivors. Another city was almost entirely washed into the sea and the whole face of a nation was changed in the space of thirty-two seconds. The measure of havoc cannot accurately be estimated. No accurate figures on the death list are obtainable, but apparently reliable estimates place the fatalities as high as 150,000. The calamity is the greatest in the history of the world.

From several towns near the center of the disturbance no word came, and there seemed reason to fear that there are no survivors to describe their fate. The destruction of

### MAP OF DEVASTATED REGION.



property could not be as great as at San Francisco, for Messina and Reggio, the two principal cities destroyed, were not rich or magnificent from the metropolitan point of view.

Face of Country Is Altered. As a great cataclysm of nature, however, this disaster is on a far vaster scale than the California phenomenon. The whole face of the country and the coast line have been altered. Even Scylla and Charybdis have changed the positions they have occupied since Aeneas' legendary voyage. The three provinces where the greatest damage was done were Messina and Catania, in Sicily, and Reggio di Calabria, on the mainland. They comprise about 4,400 square miles. The rock of Cha-

### SCENE DURING A FORMER QUAKE.



Terror-stricken inhabitants of Monteleone, Calabria, rushing from their ruined houses in search of safety during the disaster of 1805.

rybdis now blocks the entrance to the strait of Messina. Several hundred persons perished and much damage was done outside of these provinces, but within them the devastation was so complete that scarcely a human habitation remains.

### Uphaval Lasts 32 Seconds.

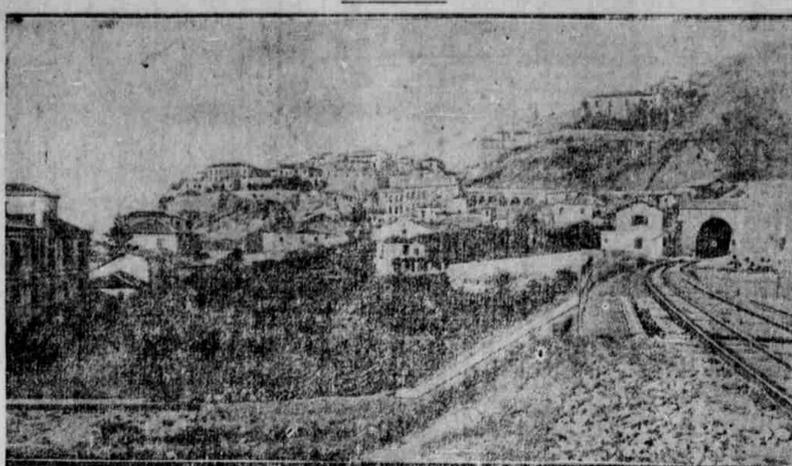
All accounts agree that the time occupied by nature's gigantic spasms was but thirty-two seconds. Some minutes later a great wave contended the havoc in the ill-fated coast towns. The violence of the shock seems to have been unprecedented except by volcanic eruptions within a limited area. The buildings of Messina were not merely shaken down—their foundations literally were yanked from beneath them to one side or to the other, until they

### HIGH RENTS IN CITIES SCORED.

Urgent necessities of life, Professor Tella Sociologist.

High rents in big cities are eating up too much of the income of the wage earners, according to Prof. Robert C. Chapin, one of the speakers before the American Sociological Society in Atlantic City, N. J. The speaker quoted figures to show that many families in New York are spending more than one-quarter of their

## SEARCHING FOR BODIES IN EARTHQUAKE RUINS AFTER THE 1905 SHOCK.



CITY OF PIZZIO BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE.

toppled from the perpendicular and fell in ruins alongside their original sites. That was the experience of Messina. That of Reggio, on the opposite side of the strait, must have been more violent, for scarcely one stone remains on another in that once flourishing city.

The ominous absence of details concerning Reggio proves to be due to the fact that not only the city itself but its whole population with the possible exception of a mere handful has disappeared.

### Chaotic Rocks Replace City.

Warships ordered to relieve the survivors were unable to discover a trace of the city. Where a few days before stood the homes and works of men and busy streets there was found nothing but chaotic rocks and earth. The city had vanished as completely as Ahhudi's palace under the magician's spell. Observations indicate that Reggio was completely swallowed by the earth's collapsing beneath it and the yawning slit was filled by the sea which advanced in a huge wave there, as at Messina. Only five of the city's 50,000 inhabitants have been accounted for. These unhappy wretches reached Cattanzaro and Palmi half demented by fright. One of these was an army officer who telegraphed to Rome that the city had been entirely destroyed and that the dead were numberless.

### \$500,000 FOR QUAKE SUFFERERS

Congress Hears Message Urging Extension of Relief Measures. Resolutions were introduced Monday in the Senate and House in Washington providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for Italian relief. The resolutions provided that the money shall be used for provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles, and the President is authorized to employ any vessels of the United States navy or to charter and employ other suitable steamships or vessels to carry out the purposes of this government. President Roosevelt in a message to Congress asked for a direct appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief of the stricken people in the earthquake zone. This, the most generous fund ever contributed by the American people for minor sufferers in other lands, is to supplement the dispatch of the supply ships Cattle from New York and the Culgar from Port Said for Messina with their cargoes of necessities, originally intended for the immediate use of the Italian victims.

### AMERICAN FLEET IS AT SUEZ.

Battleships Prepare for Hurred Trip to Messina to Give Aid. The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived at Suez Sunday morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed Dec. 20. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, as previously reported, was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colombo. The Illinois remained on the scene to search for the sailor and is a little behind the fleet.

### TROPICS SUPPLY U. S. FOOD.

Government Report Shows Growth of Imports in Few Years. The growing dependence of the United States on the tropical and subtropical world for its food and its manufactures is illustrated by figures in the annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics. Practically \$600,000,000 worth of tropical and subtropical products now come into this country yearly, against \$300,000,000 worth in 1875 and about \$200,000,000 in 1857. These products form about half of the total imports of the country.

### Fortune in Dead Man's Room.

When an old trunk was opened by the coroner in an attempt to discover the relatives of John Fred Vaux, aged 73 years, who dropped dead while taking a bath in the rooming house on Broadway, Cincinnati, where he lived, currency and bonds and bank securities worth more than \$44,000 were discovered.

### Guest Found Dead in Hotel.

A. J. Rooney, whose home is believed to be in Kansas City, was found dead in a room at the Hotel...

### BONI'S SONS GIVEN TO ANNA.

Court Awards Custody of Count's Children to Mother. The petition of Count Boni de Castellane that the custody of his three sons be given to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, was denied in Paris. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, Princess de Sagan, formerly Miss Anna Gould of New York. The court also ruled that the children should not leave the continent without the consent of the mother.

### Chicago Box Car Full of Chinese.

Employees of the Northwestern railroad the other day found eleven Chinese in a box car at Duran, N. M. The aliens were taken into custody. The Chinese were supplied with water and provisions and had been sealed in a car billed from Redlands, Cal., to Chicago.

### Kills a Woman and Himself.

The body of Arthur Korber, son of a dentist of Yonkers, N. Y., and that of Mrs. Townsend Wood were found in the same room at the Hotel...

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### FIRE PANIC IN THEATER.

Cool Head of City Employee Probably Saved 1,500 in Erie, Pa. "Keep the show going, for God's sake," called Abraham Louch, fireman of the Park Opera House in Erie, Pa., to the performers on the stage at 10:15 o'clock the other night, when he discovered that the building was on fire. His cool head probably averted a repetition of Chicago's Reggato Theater horror, for before the big audience realized the situation the house had been almost emptied. Although there were many narrow escapes and a dozen women fainted and had to be carried out, no one was seriously injured and much of the building was saved. Every one of the 1,500 seats in the theater was occupied. The John Sullivan Amusement Company was presenting "In the Nick of Time."

### ROB SAFE; GET \$20,000.

Crackmen in New York Astound Police by Boldness. After wrenching twelve steel bars from a cellar window, expert crackmen worked for a long time in plain sight of the street in an effort to pick the lock on the safe of Oscar C. Jackle, jeweler, 803 Third avenue, New York. Finally accomplished their purpose and made away with property valued at from \$5,000 to \$20,000. After vainly attempting to bore through the steel door of the safe, which stood under a lighted gas jet in plain view of the street, the burglars managed to pry the combination dial from the safe and through the small opening left manipulated the bolts and levers so as to release the lock.

### GRISCOM RETIRES ON MARCH 4.

Official Confirmation of Ambassador's Resignation Given Out. The resignation of Lloyd C. Griscom, ambassador to Italy, reported in a dispatch from Rome, was authoritatively confirmed by the State Department in Washington. Ambassador Griscom's resignation takes effect March 4. Mr. Griscom has had a distinguished career in the diplomatic service of the United States. His first service in that field was as secretary to the ambassador to Great Britain in 1893. On July 24, 1899, he became secretary of the legation at Constantinople and two years later was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Persia. He was appointed United States minister to Japan Dec. 16, 1902, serving in that country until Jan. 29, 1906, when he was appointed ambassador to Brazil. President Roosevelt named him ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Italy Dec. 19, 1906.

### PASTOR ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR

Searching Party Finds Minister Dead in Apartments. Failing to arrive at church where his congregation had assembled for worship, a searching party was formed to search for Rev. Robert C. Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchanan, N. D. Visiting his apartments over the Buchanan State Bank, the minister was found lying in a pool of blood, with the razor with which he had cut his throat gripped in his hand. A rambling note was found on a table. This note was evidently written Dec. 23, on which day he borrowed a razor from his neighbor, but he never called him then. Mr. Dougherty was formerly in Kansas City.

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## SOUTH WAR ON.

Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi Are Now Prohibition.

The wave of temperance which has driven the saloons out of the States of the South became effective Friday. The law banning the saloons from Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina went into effect at midnight. The morning of the new year found State-wide prohibition in those three States. Other Southern States are already dry or nearly so. The liquor men have retained an imposing array of counsel and will test the laws in the courts.

The Tennessee Legislature will certainly will certainly be asked to create prohibition in that commonwealth. Virginia is hewing nearer and nearer to the line of prohibition, and is at least 90 per cent prohibition now. In Louisiana the Gass-Shattuck saloon regulation law has closed many barrooms and many parishes of the State have driven out the saloons by voting for prohibition under the local option law.

In Georgia many of the purveyors of "moonshine" the only intoxicant which can be sold in the State, are closing up, saying they cannot pay a \$200 license just imposed. The rural sections of Kentucky have been for some time largely "dry."

The longest single step toward general prohibition in the South was taken Friday. Georgia is the only other State wherein statutory prohibition exists, the law having been in operation one year.

Having won their State-wide fights in four States, the anti-saloon forces have greatly enlarged the South's "dry" area, and they are now lining up for early campaigns in several other States where prohibition has assumed the magnitude of a political issue. In Texas and Arkansas the voters probably will be called upon this summer to decide a constitutional amendment for prohibition.

The Montgomery (Ala.) liquor men will test the law. This much has been decided upon. Leon Well of one of the largest law firms of the South will demand a license, and on being refused will join with Mobile in testing the legality of the act.

On the question of the secret service being used to "bludgeon" Congressmen, the President asserts that this was the main argument used by the men who were instrumental in cutting down the appropriation. Chairman Tawney of the committee and Walter L. Smith of Iowa, and Swager Shirley of Kentucky, two of its members, are quoted as using such arguments, while the bill was being discussed. Mr. Shirley, who is quoted in the form of a question, is quoted from the Congressional Record, when Mr. Shirley opposed investigation by the secret service of a member of Congress accused of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and a member of Congress.

The President says, while he makes no sweeping charge against the members of the House, the Committee on Appropriations, headed by Mr. Tawney, is to be blamed for the amendment to the law as passed.

Getting down to a discussion of the issues involved, the President says: "This issue is simply. Does Congress desire that the government shall have at its disposal the most efficient instrument for the detection of criminals and the prevention and punishment of crime, or does it not? This action of the House last May was emphatically an action against the interest of justice and in effect of benefit only to law-breakers. Is the House now willing to remedy the wrong?"

The President then gives a list of cases where frauds against the government were unearthed and punished by the aid of the secret service. These included the Nebraska and Oregon land frauds, the Goyner & Greene contract swindle, the Honduras lottery, the ink scandal in the bureau of printing, and other similar delinquencies. A letter by Secretary Cortelyou to Chairman Tawney last May which accompanies the document gives further data on these cases.

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President Roosevelt Hits Congress in a Special Message on Secret-Service Row.

## DIDN'T CHARGE CORRUPTION.

Quotes Record Against Men Who Had Law Changed—Frauds Unearthed by Detectives.

"There is no more foolish outcry than this against spies; only criminals need fear our detectives." This sentence from a former utterance of himself on the subject, a hark at the House of Representatives by President Roosevelt Monday in a special message on the secret service and the action of Congress in cutting down the appropriation for this part of the government's work.